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Group : 1651
Applicants : Alexey L. Margolin et al.
Application No.: 09/631,241 Confirmation No.: 9677
Filed : August 2, 2000
For : CONTROLLED DISSOLUTION CROSSLINKED PROTEIN
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New York, New York
March 5, 2001

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the October 4, 2000 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, a response is due on or before March 5, 2001 (March 4, 2001 being a Sunday). A check in the amount of \$195.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) for a small entity is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of

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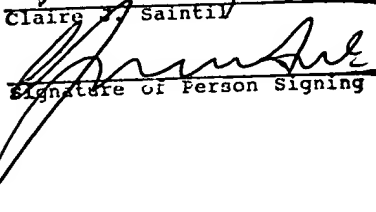
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